

30 (Twice Amended) A fuel dispensing system comprising:

a fuel dispenser including a customer interface for conducting a transaction including a lottery ticket purchase and a payment acceptor for receiving a payment for the transaction;

a lottery ticket dispenser associated with said fuel dispenser for dispensing lottery tickets; and

a control system operatively associated with said fuel dispenser and said lottery ticket dispenser and adapted to cause said lottery ticket dispenser to dispense a lottery ticket to a customer in response to receiving the payment for the transaction through said payment acceptor in said fuel dispenser.

REMARKS

The Office Action of April 2, 2003 has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. The present Amendment modifies claim 30 in accordance with the originally filed specification. Claims 21-45 remain in this application.

Initially, the Examiner objects the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that the "transaction indicia," claimed in independent claim 30, is not illustrated in the drawings. Further, the Examiner objects to the specification for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Again, the Examiner believes that the term "transaction indicia" requires explanation in the specification in order to construe the claims in light of the specification. The limitation "said transaction indicia communicated to the customer and to said lottery ticket dispenser by said fuel dispensing system" has been removed from claim 30. Therefore, this feature is no longer claimed in the present application. In light of the foregoing amendment, and as the objections to the drawings and